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SWEDISH- NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL TO STUDY THE PETROCHEMICAL
INDUSTRY

1. THE INFORMAL OUP MET OCT' 12 AND 13.

REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDED: NORWAY, SWEDEN, FINLAND,
FRANCE, FRG, US, UK, YUGOSLAVIA, AND JAPAN. WHILE THE
NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH DELEGATES EXPRESSED URGENCY TO
LEARN IF THERE WERE TO BE SHORTAGE IN 1980 AND 1985
OF PETROCHEMICAL FEEDSTOCKS, THEY NOTED THAT THEY ENVI-
SIONED ONLY A 6-8 MONTH STUDY AND NO WORKING PARTY.
THE JAPANESE, UK AND US DELEGATES URGED THAT BEFORE A
DECISION FOR OR AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL WERE RECOMMENDED
TO THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE
MADE FAR MORE PRECISE. IT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE UK
AND US DELEGATES, AND ACCEPTED BY THE GROUP, THAT THE
GROUP PROPOSE TO THE IC THAT THE SECRETARIAT FIRST CARRY
OUT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF RELE-
VANT INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IT WAS AGREED
THAT IF THE IC APPROVED, A QUESTIONNAIRE WOULD BE SENT
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TO THE MEMBER COUNTRIES REQUESTING THE TITLES AND SOURCES

OF STUDIES AND DATA COLLECTIONS RELEVANT TO THE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

2. WITH IC APPROVAL ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN MARCH TO ASSESS THE RESULTS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DETERMINE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO STUDY THE PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY.
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